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## And live with them in kindness

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

‘Aeysha –Radi Allaahu anha– said:

ما ضرب بيده خادم قَطٍ و لا امرأة

‘The Messenger of Allaah –sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam– never ever hit a servant, or a woman.’<sup>1</sup>

Shaykh Abdul-Muhsin al-Abbad al-Badr said about this hadeeth in his explanation of Sunnan Abee Dawood:

‘The compiler mentions the hadeeth of ‘Aeysha –Radi Allaahu anha–:

‘That the Messenger of Allaah –sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam– never ever hit a servant, or a woman.’

That was because of his noble manners, he was forgiving and he –sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam– would live with his wives in a good way. An incident of hitting a servant, from those servants who used to serve him, never occurred. He –sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam– never hit any of his wives, rather he was gentle, merciful, forgiving and he –sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam– love and gentleness. This indicates to his –sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam– perfect mannerisms, even though there perhaps may have occurred transgression and matters by which some servants warranted reprimanding, however the Prophet’s –sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam– character and his way was gentle, forgiving and pardoning in his matters.’

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<sup>1</sup> Collected by Muslim